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DOR EXTENDS RELIEF **TO VICTIMS OF HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM IRENE**

ATLANTA—The Georgia Department of Revenue is providing tax relief to the victims of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene. This announcement coincides with the relief announcements issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Department is postponing until October 31, 2011, certain deadlines for individuals who reside, and businesses whose principal place of business is located, in the disaster area and which have been affected by the disaster. The postponement applies to return filing, tax payment and other time-sensitive acts as specified by the IRS, otherwise due as specified in the Internal Revenue Service relief. The Department is also following the one-week extension announced on September 1, 2011, for taxpayers whose preparers were affected by Hurricane Irene.

The postponement also includes return filing, tax payment, and other time-sensitive acts related to taxes not administered by the IRS such as Georgia sales and use tax but does not apply to International Fuel Tax Agreement reports.

Taxpayers who reside in or have a business located in the following areas will qualify for the relief: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, and Puerto Rico. If additional areas are identified by the IRS this notice will be updated. Affected taxpayers filing paper returns should write: "2011 Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene" across the top of any forms submitted to the Department.

The relief also applies to taxpayers not in the disaster area but whose records are located in the disaster area. In addition, all relief workers affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization assisting in relief activities in the covered disaster area are eligible for the relief and any individual visiting the covered disaster area who was killed or injured as a result of the disaster are entitled to relief.

Any taxpayer, including electronic filers, who are assessed a penalty and believe they did not receive due consideration regarding the storm's impact, need assistance, or have questions should contact DOR Headquarters in Atlanta at 1-877-423-6711.

A complete copy of the IRS Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene press releases can be accessed on the Internet here: www.irs.gov.